

**In the claims:**

**Claims 1-35 (Cancelled).**

36. (Original) An elongated sheet of light gauge metal from which one or more truss chord members may be formed, said sheet comprising along the length thereof one or more apertured portions of reduced width.

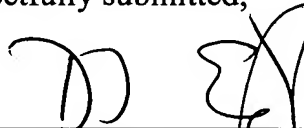
37. (Original) The sheet of Claim 36 wherein said one or more apertured portions include a grid of apertures comprising two or more rows of spaced apart apertures.

38. (Original) The sheet of Claim 37 wherein said grid of apertures is at least six inches long.

39. (Original) The sheet of Claim 37 wherein said grid of apertures includes at least twenty spaced apart apertures.

**Claims 40-71 (Cancelled).**

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